

Job growth has slowed dramatically, and the September jobs report fell 300,000 jobs short of what economists are predicting. This is in addition to massive shortages that have wrought havoc on our supply chain and left a record number of container ships waiting to enter our ports.

BUILDING BACK BETTER

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, three of the goals of President Biden's agenda and that of Congressional Democrats are to recover from this pandemic, to create jobs, and to lower taxes. We have met all three.

Under President Biden's leadership, case rates and hospitalizations from COVID are dropping across our country, unemployment rolls have decreased, and since January 20, approximately 5 million jobs have been created.

In addition, Democrats delivered a tax cut for families with children. We greatly expanded this tax cut, and we sent payments on a recurring monthly basis to American families. By the middle of this month, in November, the overall majority of families with children will get another round of payments directly deposited into their bank accounts.

The Joint Economic Committee has shown that this creates \$19 billion worth of economic activity in the local jurisdictions and when you let American families keep their hard-earned money, it creates economic growth. We will try to extend this tax cut for working families in the Build Back Better Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Republicans to join us.

SEPTEMBER BORDER NUMBERS ARE ALARMING

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask where is the administration? It is certainly not at our southern border. The crisis at the border continues to go unaddressed.

In September, more than 192,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended by our Border Patrol agents. That is a 233 percent increase over last September, and DHS has warned this month we could see as many as 400,000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: Where are my Democrat colleagues on this crisis?

Under the leadership of the other side of the aisle, this House has not considered a single piece of meaningful legislation to address the issue. The strategy appears to be pretend as if the problem doesn't exist. Meanwhile, a record 1.2 million people have been caught trying to cross the border illegally this year. Imagine how many

tens of thousands have evaded capture—who might be dangerous to our local communities—and made it into this country.

Rather than solving this crisis, this body is instead considering legislation that will pave the way for mass amnesty. It is irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to step up, come to the table, hold real bipartisan discussions and focus on this crisis.

HONORING JOVITA MOORE

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jovita Moore, an award-winning journalist whose presence and professionalism were known across newsrooms around Georgia and throughout the country.

I, and so many whose lives she touched every single day, are deeply saddened by her passing. Her life was a positive force for good in this world. Every evening, little girls saw themselves on the television knowing that one day they could be the woman their community trusted at the end of each day.

So while we mourn her death and suffer our heartbreak, I want to take this time to celebrate the life of a woman who always stood steadfast and resolute, who was classy and consistent in presenting us the facts and the news of the moment.

This week, our hearts are with Jovita's family and her children, and my prayers are with the WSB team.

SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, nearly every Member of this body proclaims to be a champion of small business. But how many follow with action?

Time after time my colleagues are presented with opportunities to vote in support of small businesses and then repeatedly fail to live up to their hollow promises.

They say they support small businesses, but Democrats proudly support increases on small businesses and job creators.

They are actively disrupting the labor market by keeping workers out of the workforce with never-ending handouts to able-bodied Americans.

They are preventing first-generation entrepreneurs from passing a successful business on to the next generation.

They are expanding credits for childcare without any work requirements for the parents.

They are surveilling small businesses and farmers through the IRS.

The Democrat dream is an America dependent on Big Government. It

couldn't be farther from the American Dream where a guy like me, who grew up on food stamps, could take a big idea and a big work ethic and turn it into a successful business career and job creator.

Under Democrat policies, we may see the end of the American Dream. We cannot let that happen.

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BUILD BACK BETTER FOR PENNSYLVANIA

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, our negotiations have been long, but today we are closer than ever to passing Build Back Better. We have heard enough about the process. Let's talk about the impact, the transformative investments we are making in our children, our seniors, and our planet.

And let me say this loudly and clearly: It is paid for; paid for with the taxes ensuring that corporations and the mega-rich pay their fair share, and IRS investments closing the multi-trillion dollar tax gap.

Paid-for, historic investments in our future: In Pennsylvania alone, more than 200,000 children will have access to high-quality pre-K, and more than 730,000 children will gain access to childcare.

Childcare and extended child tax credits will ease the financial burdens that our parents face. They are not the only ones, 122,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians will have healthcare. Bold climate action will help our districts that have seen an increase in climate disasters.

My Commonwealth is ready for both Build Back Better and the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The process will be forgotten, the investments will not.

HIGHER HEATING BILLS

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, the average cost of a gallon of gas in my hometown of Murphysboro, Illinois, is \$3.60 and rising. That is not all. Tonight's temperatures will dip down to about 29 degrees in southern Illinois and families will be dialing up the thermostat.

Many of my constituents rely on propane to heat their homes during these colder months. According to the Energy Information Administration, midwestern families that use propane this winter can expect to pay as much as 54 percent more in their heating bills; potentially an additional \$1,800 this winter.

Southern Illinois and southern Illinoisans are feeling that crunch. Yet, many of my Democrat colleagues only care about passing their socialist